



# City Manager's Weekly Update

September 25, 2020

## CITY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

### City of Hopewell Cancels Hopewell Haunts

This Halloween, which is celebrated on Saturday, October 31, 2020, fewer families will be going door to door as the COVID-19 pandemic enters its predicted second wave. Seventy-three percent of people do not anticipate taking their children trick-or-treating at all, according to a Harris Poll survey. City of Hopewell officials have made the difficult decision to cancel the annual Hopewell Haunts for 2020 in light of COVID-19. City officials hope to reinstate Hopewell Haunts in 2021.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends avoiding traditional trick or treating activities this year. The City of Hopewell will not cancel Halloween trick or treating, since it is not a city event, but city officials encourage the following for those who chose to trick or treat:

- Wear facemasks (for appropriate aged children) and maintain social distancing.
- Wipe off and/or sanitize all treats received before giving to children.
- Only trick or treat at houses of family, friends or neighbors so that guardians can judge the COVID-19 risk level.
- Be creative and provide alternatives to traditional trick or treating activities, such as:
  - A Halloween candy scavenger hunt for immediate family members;
  - A virtual Halloween party with family and friends; and
  - A virtual pumpkin carving contest with family and friends.

The City discourages and does not sanction trunk-or-treat type of events, because of the difficulties of controlling social distancing and other safety measures with a crowd of excited children. The City will not participate in such events, but public safety officials will be watching events for safety concerns.

City officials encourage families to utilize other activities to experience Halloween in order to eliminate the risks of potential exposure to the virus. The CDC website and [www.halloween2020.org](http://www.halloween2020.org) are two websites with many alternative suggestions for COVID-19 safe Halloween activities.

City officials would like to remind the public to practice good hand sanitizing, social distancing, follow CDC guidance, and to be safe during Halloween.

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John M. Altman, Jr.  
City Manager

Each week, the City Manager prepares an update for City Council and citizens that addresses the status of major City projects, news, special events, and other matters of interest as well as City-wide accomplishments in the performance of our services to our citizens of Hopewell.

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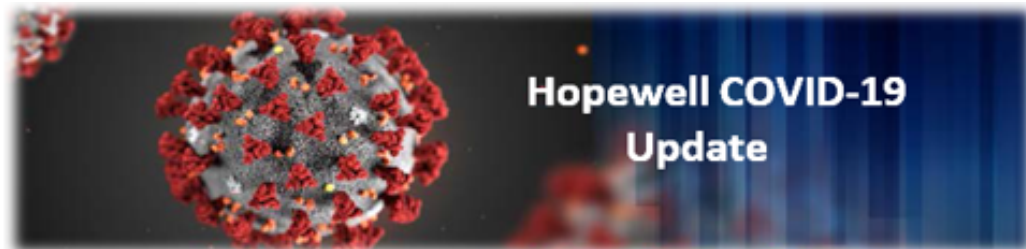




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## COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID-19 UPDATES: <https://hopewellva.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates-and-resources/>

	<u>Total Testing Encounters</u>	<u>Total Cases</u>	<u>Hospitalizations</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>7-day Positivity Rate</u>
Statewide	2,065,593 (11,558↑)	142,590 (580↑)	10,718 (43↑)	3,089 (29↑)	5.7%
Crater Health District	41,610 (252↑)	3,925 (28↑)	274 (3↑)	102	7.6% (0.6↑)
Hopewell	n/a	404 (1↑)	36	7	n/a

- **The COVID-19 Hotline (541-2391) remains available to our citizens Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.** We have received a total of 999 calls.
- Our DMV Select Office is located in the former Dispatch area of City Hall. DMV Select services are available by appointment only by scheduling online through the City's website: <https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/b99xpe2x/>.
- The Department of Development's Permit Office is open and temporarily located in the former Dispatch area of City Hall as well where citizens can conduct building permit activities in person.
- **The City of Hopewell reopened to our citizens on September 8 by appointment only.** Visitors will undergo a temperature check and face mask/coverings are required. City staff is available to assist you by phone or e-mail as well.
- **Upcoming COVID-19 Testing**
  - September 29th – Approved for Virginia National Guard testing mission from 9:00am to 11:00am.; location TBD
  - October 20th – Crater Health District Testing; location TBD



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## CITY OF HOPEWELL PHONE LIST

Please use these phone numbers to contact the department in which you need to visit. You must make an appointment before visiting.


DEPARTMENT	BUILDING	PHONE NUMBER
City Attorney	City Hall	541-2247
City Clerk	City Hall	541-2408
City Manager	City Hall	541-2243
Commissioner of the Revenue	City Hall	541-2237
Development	City Hall	541-2220
Engineering	City Hall	541-2319
Finance & Purchasing	City Hall	541-2306
Fire & Emergency Services	Fire Station	541-2288
Human Resources	City Hall	541-2211
Information Technology	City Hall	541-2225
Intergovernmental Affairs	City Hall	541-2270
Office on Youth	Office on Youth	352-4048
Police	Police Station	541-2222
Public Works	Public Works	541-2295
Real Estate	City Hall	541-2234
Recreation and Parks	Community Center	541-2353
Risk Management	City Hall	541-2211
Sheriff	Courthouse	541-2300
Social Services	Social Services	541-2330
Treasurer	City Hall	541-2240
Water Renewal	Water Renewal	541-2210



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## COVID-19 COMMUNITY REMINDERS

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## FREE COVID-19 Testing

### CITY OF HOPEWELL



### Drive-Thru Testing


**Crater Health District Community Testing**  
**Tuesday, September 29**  
**9am – 11am**  
**327 Cavalier Square, Hopewell VA 23860**



### Requirements


**Who should be tested?**

- Testing is available to any individual age 5 or older
- Testing is **recommended** for individuals with symptoms or individuals who may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19




### Registration

- This is **FREE DRIVE THRU** testing that will be conducted by appointment.
- Registration begins **Monday, September 28**
- To pre-register for testing, please call **804-863-1652, option 1**



If someone is in need of emergency care, please call 911 and do not wait for drive-thru/walk-up testing.




**COVID-19 TEST**


**WHEN:**  
**Tuesday, September 29**  
**9am – 11am**

**WHERE:**  
**327 Cavalier Square,**  
**Hopewell VA 23860**

**CALL TO REGISTER:**  
**804-863-1652 option 1**



Crater Health District - Helping Build Healthy Communities



**VDH** VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Healthy People in Healthy Communities  
[www.vdh.virginia.gov](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS & SERVICES

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Time is running out.  
Respond now.



RESPOND >

Click, to respond now

Shape  
your future  
START HERE >

United States  
Census  
2020

United States  
Census  
2020



It's Quick and Easy



It's Not Too Late



It's Safe and Secure

Your  
response  
matters.



Health clinics. Fire departments. Schools. Even roads and highways. The census can shape many different aspects of your community.



Census results affect planning and funding for education—including programs such as Head Start, Pell Grants, school lunches, rural education, adult education, and grants for preschool special education.



Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.

The results determine how many seats in Congress each state gets.

Help improve the lives of you and your neighbors by responding to the 2020 Census.





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The cities of Richmond, Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights and Chesterfield and Henrico Counties are committed to taking meaningful actions to promote fair housing choice and ensure that housing markets are free from discrimination. Please help with this effort by sharing information about your experience finding housing.

<https://www.research.net/r/GreaterRichmondHousing>



Need assistance with the survey or an alternative format?  
Contact Root Policy Research at  
[hello@rootpolicy.com](mailto:hello@rootpolicy.com) or (970) 880-1415.

**Your participation will make  
a difference!**

Las ciudades de Richmond, Petersburg, Hopewell, Colonial Heights y los condados de Chesterfield y Henrico se comprometen a tomar acciones significativas para promover alternativas de vivienda justas y asegurar que los mercados de la vivienda están libres de discriminación. Por favor ayude con este esfuerzo al compartir información sobre tu experiencia en la búsqueda de vivienda.

<https://es.research.net/r/RichmondVive>

Si tienes alguna discapacidad y te gustaría pedir ayuda o utilizar un formato diferente, por favor comunícate con Root Policy Research a [hello@rootpolicy.com](mailto:hello@rootpolicy.com) o al (970) 880-1415 ext. 105.

**¡Tu participación marcará  
la diferencia!**





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**DON'T**  
**trash**  
**HOPEWELL**

**DO YOUR PART**

**KEEP HOPEWELL BEAUTIFUL**

Volunteer for one of the programs sponsored by

Keep Hopewell Beautiful. Everyone is welcome including:

- Individuals and Families
- Church and Neighborhood Groups
- Businesses and Organizations

We can make a DIFFERENCE!

Three locations in Hopewell will be identified for Community Clean-up projects this fall. Please consider you or your organization signing up for one of these events.

Hopewell's annual Fall Clean-up Week will be in October, date TBA.

**ADOPT-A-STREET**

**ADOPT-A-SPOT**

**ADOPT-A-NEIGHBOR**

**COMMUNITY CLEAN-UPS**

### **CONTACT**


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FALL CLEAN UP

# City of Hopewell

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020**

Keep Hopewell Beautiful in partnership with the Hopewell Public Works Department has scheduled Fall Citywide Clean-up from Saturday, October 17, to Saturday, October 24, 2020.



Hours of operation during "Fall Clean-Up" at the Citizen Convenience Center are 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to participate in this effort by cleaning around their homes and along their streets. During this week, Hopewell residents may dispose of trash at no charge at the Citizen Convenience Center located at 507 Station Street, behind Fire Station #1. There will be the usual \$10.00 fee for the removal of Freon to dispose of appliances.


The following items will not be accepted at the Citizen Convenience Center: concrete, masonry, garbage (items normally disposed of in your trash toter), and paint of any kind, batteries, automobile motors, and hazardous waste materials. Tires are limited to four (4) per citizen, and they must be separated from the rim. There can be no more than eight (8) tires per household.

Firestone Tire located in the Cavalier Square Shopping Center is collaborating with the City and will accept up to four (4) tires per person and batteries (no limit) during Fall Clean-Up Week.

Remember, "Fall Clean-Up" activities apply to Hopewell residents only.  
Help make your neighborhood and city clean.

For additional information contact:  
Department of Development  
300 North Main Street, Suite 300  
Hopewell, VA 23860  
(804) 541-2220







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## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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You and a guest are cordially invited to attend  
One or more **Community Chats About...**

**"TAXATION AND REPRESENTATION"!**

**Community Leaders**  
**Family & Friends**

**Students**  
**Small Business Owners**

**CITIZEN SELF SERVICE/ONLINE PAYMENTS**

**#TEAMWE**

**Saturday September 26, 2020**  
**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
106 S 15<sup>th</sup> Ave Hopewell VA 23860



**Thursday October 22, 2020**  
**6:00 pm- 7:30 pm**  
Location to be Announced



**EMAIL INTEREST: [TREASURER@HOPEWELLVA.GOV](mailto:TREASURER@HOPEWELLVA.GOV)**  
**CONTACT: City Treasurer, Joan E. Gosier, MBA**  
TEXT (804) 238-3056

**RSVP by 4pm on September 25<sup>th</sup>**



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### **WESTON MANOR'S FALL FLING CONCERTS ON THE RIVER PRESENTED BY HISTORIC HOPEWELL FOUNDATION**



**THE HISTORIC HOPEWELL FOUNDATION IS DELIGHTED TO  
BRING YOU TWO EVENING CONCERTS FEATURING  
TWO OF OUR LOCAL BANDS!**

**BRING • LAWN CHAIRS • BLANKETS • SNACKS • PICNIC**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WILL BE IN PLACE**

**FREE—  
SUNDAYS AT  
5:00 P.M.**

**SEPT 27  
MAGNOLIA**

- **ROCK, AMERICANA, BLUES & R&B**

**"ALL MANOR OF THINGS"  
BOUTIQUE WILL BE OPEN**

**Weston Manor  
400 Weston Lane  
804-458-4682**





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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER 23 - SEPTEMBER 30



### EVENTS!

#### [Singo at Paddy's Irish Pub](#)

Wednesday, September 23rd at 7pm. It's Bingo with a BEAT - Every other Wednesday - come kick off your week with your friends and tons of smiles and sing-a-longs!

#### [Wonder City Bakery Open Late](#)

On Thursday, September 24th, Wonder City Bakery will open 9am-2pm and 5-7pm to serve visitors during the Hopewell Farmer's Market! Visit them for pastries, drinks and more!

#### [Sunday NFL Ticket at Omega Bar & Grill](#)

Sunday, September 27th beginning at 1pm. Omega Bar & Grill is your one stop shop for everything NFL this season. They have the NFL ticket and will have all 12 TVs tuned in each week to your favorite team. \$6.00 cent wings and \$6.99 soup and grilled cheese combination. Happy Hour drink specials.

#### [Singo at Omega Bar & Grill](#)

Monday, September 28th at 7pm. It's Bingo with a BEAT - Every other "Mondaze" - come kick off your week with your friends and tons of smiles and sing-a-longs!



Thursday, September 24th  
5-7pm, E Broadway

### HOPEWELL FARMER'S MARKET RETURNS!

Thursday, September 24th from 5-7pm in  
downtown Hopewell!

The Hopewell Farmer's Market returns to East Broadway Avenue this Thursday! This market will feature local and regional farmers, craft vendors, food vendors and live music by members of Magnolia. COVID precautions will be in place.

[MORE INFO](#)



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**HOPEWELL  
HAPPENINGS**  
SEPTEMBER 23 - SEPTEMBER 30

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## Daily Specials

### Hopewell Quick Lunch:

- Now open 6:30am-2:30pm Monday-Friday and serving breakfast all day!

[MORE INFO](#)

### Omega Bar & Grill:

- Pizza Wednesday: 1/2 off pizza (dine-in only)
- Taco Tuesday: Enjoy \$1.50 tacos or taco egg rolls of your choice!
- Seafood Thursday: \$7.99 specials to include 1/2 pound of steamed shrimp and more!

[MORE INFO](#)

### Paddy's Irish Pub

- Tuesday Specials: \$1 off house margaritas and Kelly's Chicken Sandwich! \$.50 off Corona. All day.
- Wine Wednesday: \$1 off glasses of wine all day!
- Burger & Pint Thursday: Get a classic burger or Cheeseburger and a pint of beer for \$12! Extended Happy Hour until 9pm.
- Friday: \$1 off Fish & Chips all day, live music every Friday night!

[MORE INFO](#)

### Roja

- Happy Hour until 7:30pm everyday!
- Wine Wednesday: \$4 Sangria
- Thirsty Thursday: happy hour until 9pm
- Fish Friday

[MORE INFO](#)



## Live Music

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Jeff Craft Acoustic at Omega Bar & Grill at 7pm.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- Anderson Highway Acoustic at Omega Bar & Grill at 7pm.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- Mike Norris at Paddy's Irish Pub at 7pm.
- 4Play at Omega Bar & Grill at 8pm.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Nobody's Poets at Omega Bar & Grill at 8pm.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

- Acoustic Jam Session at Omega Bar & Grill from 3-7pm.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

- Keith Horne & Jay Camacho Acoustic at Omega Bar & Grill from 7-10pm.



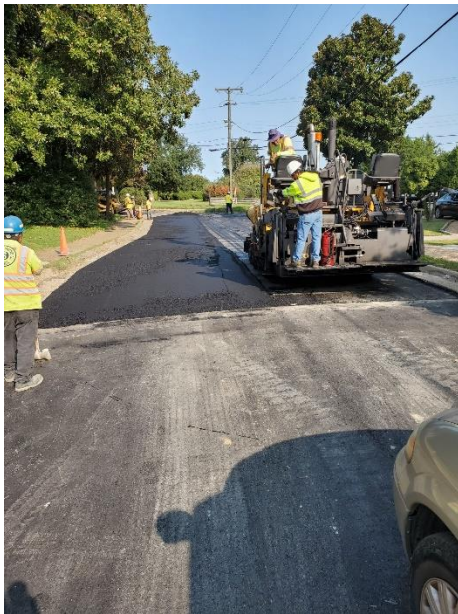


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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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### Prince Henry Ave and Pelham St Improvements Project Completion



The Department of Public Works – Engineering is excited to report the completion of the Prince Henry Ave and Pelham St Improvements Project. Improvements include a new storm water outfall system, underdrain system along Prince Henry Ave, and exposed aggregate driveway entrances, sidewalk and curb and gutter. The finished roadway surface is a special asphalt mix that over time will reveal brown stone aggregate to complement the historic theme of City Point. The City would like to thank all of the residents and surrounding community for their patience and support over the last year during the construction of this very important project.

In addition to Prince Henry Ave and Pelham St, the City commenced its fall paving program with the resurfacing of Bank St, James St and Maplewood Ave with the same brownstone aggregate mix.





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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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In July, we shared that the Commonwealth would be launching a new grant program for small businesses and nonprofits called Rebuild VA. We are writing today to let you know that Rebuild VA has expanded its eligibility criteria to allow more small businesses to apply. The application is open and available [here](#).

Small supply chain partners of businesses forced to close under Executive Order 53 or 55, as well as businesses that received CARES Act funding, are now eligible to receive a \$10,000 Rebuild VA grant. Businesses that have received CARES Act funding must certify that they will only use the Rebuild VA grant for recurring expenses and that the grant will not be used to cover the same expenses as the other CARES Act funds.

Administered by the [Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity \(SBSD\)](#), Rebuild VA has received over 3,000 applications. SBSD and its program partners, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC), and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), made the decision to expand eligibility criteria after analysis of eligible and ineligible applications received within the first 30 days of the launch.

More details about the program, including eligibility criteria, may be found at <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/rebuildva/>.

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In addition, DHCD has created a quick guide for multiple small business recovery programs in the agency. [Click here to access the document](#).

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Main Street  
600 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219



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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### THE CITY OF HOPEWELL ANNOUNCES EXPANSION TO THEIR SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM!

**Businesses can now receive up to \$10,000 through the City of Hopewell's Small Business Recovery Program, depending on number of employees!**

**Please visit: <https://hopewellva.gov/economic-development-office/small-business-recovery-program-application/> for more information on the expansion of the City's Small Business Recovery Program!**

**Businesses who have already applied for this program, will receive communications on how this expansion will affect their funding by October 2nd.**



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## HUMAN SERVICES

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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Registration Process:** To register for a complimentary Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package, call the CCHASM Office at 804-796-2749, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Monday – Thursday beginning on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

**Meal Distribution Process:** Meal Gift Packages will be distributed to registered individuals on Saturday, November 21, between 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds Exhibition Center located at 10300 Courthouse Road, Chesterfield, VA 23832. Additional locations may be utilized due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

**Volunteer Registration Process:** Volunteers should come to the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds Exhibition Center on dates/times below and must sign a *Hold Harmless and Indemnity Agreement/Photo Release Form* which can be downloaded from [www.cchasm.org](http://www.cchasm.org). Due to COVID-19, all volunteers must be at least 18 years old and must be able to lift 25 pounds.

Volunteer Desk Check-in:

- ✓ **Thursday Nov. 11, 10 AM – 5 PM**  
(Sorting & Packing)
- ✓ **Friday Nov. 13, 10 AM – 5 PM**  
(Sorting & Packing)
- ✓ **Monday Nov. 16, 10 AM – 5 PM**  
(Sorting & Packing)
- ✓ **Tuesday Nov. 17, 11 AM – 7 PM**  
(Sorting & Packing)
- ✓ **Friday Nov. 20, 10 AM – 1 PM**  
(Homebound Distribution/final packaging)
- ✓ **Saturday Nov. 21, 7:30 AM – 6 PM**  
(Package Distribution)

### DONATION INFORMATION

**Meal Donation Process:** Your generous donations are greatly needed to help us reach our goal of assisting 3,400 families with a Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package and \$15 gift card (for perishables and/or a turkey). Meal and gift card donations can be dropped off at the Fairgrounds Exhibition Center during the following dates/times:

- ✓ **Thursday Nov. 12, 10 AM – 5 PM**  
(Sorting & Packing)
- ✓ **Friday Nov. 13, 10 AM – 5 PM**  
(Sorting & Packing)
- ✓ **Thursday Nov. 16, 10 AM – 5 PM**  
(Sorting & Packing)
- ✓ **Friday Nov. 17, 12 PM – 7 PM**  
(Sorting & Packing)

### 2020 Meal Gift Package Contents

- 1 – 40 oz. Can of yams / sweet potatoes
- 1 – 13 oz. Box of mashed potatoes
- 1 – 14 oz. Can of cranberry sauce
- 2 – 15 oz. Cans of corn
- 2 – 15 oz. Cans of green vegetables
- 2 – boxes of Stove Top® - *no bags*
- 2 – cans or packages of gravy- *no glass jars*
- 1 – box of hot chocolate
- 1 – box of regular flavor tea bags
- 1 – large box or bag of cookies

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For Thanksgiving 2019, CCHASM assisted 3,000 families – more than 10,000 adults and children – in Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell, Petersburg, and Prince George.

Questions? Contact the CCHASM Client Assistance Line at 804-796-2749, the Business Line at 804-796-3715, or send an e-mail to [info@cchasm.org](mailto:info@cchasm.org).



## THANKSGIVING PROGRAM 2020



CCHASM Thanksgiving – Photo taken by Page Dowdy – Chesterfield Observer

**Client reservations starts  
October 1, 2020**

**Return pledge forms to  
CCHASM by 10/1/2020.  
Client reservations are  
made according to the  
pledges received.**





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## INTERGOVERNMENTAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### Governor Northam Announces Huntington Ingalls Industries Establish Unmanned Systems Facility in Hampton

*~ Nation's largest military shipbuilder will create more than 250 new jobs ~*



Governor Ralph Northam announced that Huntington Ingalls Industries (NYSE: HII) will create more than 250 new jobs by establishing an Unmanned Systems Center of Excellence in Hampton. HII is the nation's largest military shipbuilding company and provides professional services to government and industry. Virginia successfully competed with North Carolina for the project.

*"Virginia is proud to be home to the largest military shipbuilder in the country," said Governor Northam. "Huntington Ingalls Industries is a national leader in advanced manufacturing, and this investment is a powerful testament to Virginia's workers and business environment. The company's new unmanned systems facility in Hampton will support America's national security and play a key role in strengthening our economic recovery as we continue working to rebound from this health crisis."*

For more than a century, HII's Newport News and Ingalls shipbuilding divisions in Virginia and Mississippi have built more ships in more ship classes than any other U.S. naval shipbuilder. HII's Technical Solutions division supports national security missions around the globe with unmanned systems, nuclear and environmental services, defense and federal solutions, and fleet sustainment. Headquartered in Newport News, HII employs more than 42,000 people operating both domestically and internationally.

*"Huntington Ingalls Industries has been a longtime valued corporate partner to Virginia, and we are proud that the company will continue its investment in the Commonwealth," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Brian Ball. "HII already employs more than 26,000 Virginians, and*



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*its role in our economy cannot be overstated. We look forward to supporting this significant project as Huntington Ingalls expands its footprint in Hampton Roads."*

*"The establishment of Huntington Ingalls Industries' Unmanned Systems Center of Excellence is a commitment to innovation, commerce, infrastructure, and leading-edge exploration," **said Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine.** "With the strong partnership between HII and the Commonwealth, this investment crosses all sectors of Virginia's economy and creates a platform for great opportunity and growth."*

*"We are very excited to build this state-of-the-art facility and believe this added capability will truly enhance our ability to perform current and future work, and allow us to remain on the forefront of advanced manufacturing technology," **said HII President and CEO Mike Petters.** "We are appreciative of the great partnerships we have with the Commonwealth, Governor Northam, and our local officials as we move forward in constructing this new facility."*

The Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) worked with the City of Hampton and the Hampton Roads Alliance to secure the project for Virginia. Governor Northam approved a \$1.5 million grant from the Commonwealth's Opportunity Fund to assist the City of Hampton with the project. The Governor also approved a performance-based grant of \$1.5 million from the Virginia Investment Performance program, an incentive that encourages capital investment by existing Virginia companies. Huntington Ingalls Industries is eligible to receive funding from the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund, administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Support for Huntington Ingalls Industries' job creation will be provided through the Virginia Talent Accelerator Program, a workforce initiative created by VEDP in collaboration with the Virginia Community College System, with funding support from the Northam administration and the Virginia General Assembly. Launched in 2019, the program accelerates new facility start-ups through the direct delivery of recruitment and training services that are fully customized to a company's unique products, processes,





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equipment, standards, and culture. All program services are provided at no cost to qualified new and expanding companies as an incentive for job creation.

*"With the establishment of this Unmanned Systems Center of Excellence in Hampton, Huntington Ingalls Industries will have a new home where the company can continue its long, successful history of meeting the needs of customers worldwide," said **City of Hampton Mayor Donnie Tuck**. "Today's announcement brings significant investment and great jobs, and on behalf of our City Council, I want to thank the company for their ongoing commitment to Hampton." It was an honor for the Alliance team to work with Virginia's largest industrial employer, Huntington Ingalls Industries, to find the most suitable location for its new Unmanned Systems Center of Excellence," said **President and CEO of the Hampton Roads Alliance Doug Smith**. "This expansion into the Hampton Roads Center North Campus will allow HII to increase its capacity and efficiency, and further solidify HII's position as an industry leader on a local, state, and national level. We commend HII for its continued commitment to serving the U.S. military and defense industry, and look forward to the company's next chapter in Hampton Roads."*

*"This is an exciting opportunity for the City of Hampton to begin a partnership with Huntington Ingalls Industries through the establishment of an Unmanned Systems Center of Excellence in the Hampton Roads Center North Campus," said **Senator Mamie Locke**. "This is a great location for HII to continue its commitment to excellence in serving the military and defense industry, and I am delighted that Hampton was chosen for this investment in jobs and service."*

*"It's a privilege to welcome Huntington Ingalls Industries' newest operation to the City of Hampton," said **Delegate Jeion Ward**. "Virginia's infrastructure and talented workforce continue to play a role in helping high-caliber companies like HII thrive. I congratulate Huntington Ingalls Industries on continued growth in Hampton Roads and the Commonwealth, and look forward to its future success."*



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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH OFFICER COSTELLO

Officer Lawrence Costello was named Employee of the Month for August 2020. Officer Costello led Alpha Platoon in self-initiated activity for three consecutive months. He strives daily to make the community safer and to improve the lives of the citizens that reside in the City of Hopewell. Officer Costello takes a proactive approach to policing, and he displays professionalism to all around him. Officer Costello has been a true team player and an excellent representative for our department.

*Congratulations*



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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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### COMMUNITY SUPPORT FROM THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

We thank the Women of the Moose who donated  
"goodie bags" with drinks and snacks for our  
officers.

*Thank You*





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## RECREATION & PARKS

September 25, 2020



Hopewell Recreation and Parks and Hopewell City Public Schools are excited to announce additional virtual learning support. This partnership will allow Hopewell Public School students with an evening opportunity to receive additional in-person support from HPS teachers on their studies and any issues regarding virtual learning. Parents must be present for the program's duration, which runs Tuesdays and Thursdays nights from 5-8 pm, weather permitting. The five sites are Mathis Field, Hopewell Community Center (Tennis Courts), Woodlawn Park, Dupont Elementary School, and Harry E. James Elementary School.



# City Manager's Weekly Update



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Hopewell Recreation and Parks presents WALK TO WIN. Please join Recreation and Parks every Tuesday and Thursday at Harry E. James and Dupont Elementary School's Piazza Path. Students of Hopewell City Public Schools can walk Piazza Paths for an opportunity to win prizes. Registration will be held on site at both locations from 5-8pm, weather permitting. Recreation and Park staff will log your laps and encourage you to continue an active lifestyle.





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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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## Upcoming City Council Meeting:

September 29, 2020 – Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Work Session and Closed Session begin at 5:30 p.m.

(These meetings will be held electronically)

**CITIZENS CAN WATCH THE MEETING VIA:**

Hopewell City Council Live <https://hopewellva.gov/city-council-live/>

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzz-V2cGfrfyebxDeQ4\\_x7A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzz-V2cGfrfyebxDeQ4_x7A)



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